**March 30 Notes**

         **SPED Funding Update**  **–**Gary Sherman and Pete Biaggio

  GMS IDEA Consolidated App

* Down to last 10% that need to be approved
* Most have been approved initially and returned to district
* District needs to make modifications, so state can approve
* Payments are totally operational – up and running now with all codes (these will need to be from an approved provider)
* Instructions for payments were sent to everyone
* Will need to request various components within the consolidated applications (CEIS, BASE, Enrollment Poverty,…)

  State Special Education Appropriation

* LB 131 – $10M for reimbursement ($1M for 11/12 reimbursement and $9M for 12/13) – this is the 5% limit
* We have been flat funded for several years, with no increase, even though costs have been going up
* Will move base for state maintenance of effort up – we have made that clear to the stakeholders
* Our efforts with the senators with the NASES group must have had some positive impacts – Gary thanks NASES for their support

  IDEA – Elementary/Secondary AAPC

* Onsite visit – federal requirement calculate excess costs on a per pupil (AAPC) expenditure – we will need to make adjustments for this in the future
* Based on the super committee to address debt issue did not have a successful conclusion which will require a reduction of funds we are looking at a 7.8% - 9.1% of IDEA funds. We do not know when that will happen, and we do not know the exact amount.
* The office of inspector general will come back to NE to do an audit of IDEA ARRA funds and other ARRA funds. April 9th there is a meeting scheduled. Do not know where this is going. Will be looking at districts – in particular – if did not spend all of their ARRA funding. This is not just the IDEA funds, it is all of the ARRA funds. OIG was in the state previously looking at OPS. This was a successful conclusion, but apparently are going into all states again.

         **Federal and State Updates** – Carol McClain and Lindy Foley

  OSEP “Dear Colleague” Preschool LRE Letter (Feb 29, 2012)  **This topic will be discussed on next call.**

* Will be discussing at meeting in April

 Link:   [http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/index.html](https://exchange.sbps.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=5c8f30fbd1fe4885bbd5721fa51a4a82&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww2.ed.gov%2fpolicy%2fspeced%2fguid%2fidea%2fmemosdcltrs%2findex.html" \t "_blank)

  OSEP Change of Monitoring Focus

* Suspending visit for now 12/13
* Will be changing this. We are anticipating that they will add emphasis on the IDEA indicators (SPP/APR indicators – dropout rates, achievement results, etc)
* We anticipate there will be more emphasis on that data
* Will not completely eliminate compliance issues

  Rule Updates

* Rule 51 – looking at possibly updating
* Rule 52 – decided to have 2 separate rules (Part C – number not officially assigned)
  + Separating from Rule 51
  + Need to inform people of the new regs, but want to make sure rule is a solid rule
  + Morning of April 20th – Part C regs & rules development & results topics from OSEP visit & little time on the sped endorsements

         **Status of ILCD and District Determinations** – Jeanne Heaston

  Follow-up to March 27 ILCD Facilitators meeting

* Changed the number of inquiries – had 8 now have 7
* Changed placement of LRE & natural environments and move them to inquiry 3 (appropriate services)
* Also working on website to make sure changes are made to match workbook
* Part B parent surveys – (Indicator 8) – gave some flexibility on how collect data – this one has been used for the last 6 years – we can look at ways to collect data – have a group of people from ILCD facilitator group to review process to better utilize to collect data

  District Data Posted on ILCD websites

* Yearly performance – 2 week window to look at Part B district data which will be used for district determinations – Part C not ready yet
* If data incorrect/questions, call your NDE Regional Rep
* Should receive a notice today including data points

  NDE District Determinations in May 2012

* Will be completed the first week of May – will open these up for districts

  October NDE Regional Workshops announced – save the dates

* August 30th – Monitoring meeting
* Regional workshop in fall

         **Bobbing for Answers**

  Question:     One parent agrees to having their child evaluated for special education eligibility, but the other parent does not want the child to be evaluated.  Since only one parent’s signature is needed, can the school district proceed with an evaluation after one parents gives written permission?   --  Jill Weatherly  (attachment)

* Rule 51 – schools can evaluate if a person who can meet the definition of “parent”

**Heads Up and Announcements**

         **NDE PT-OT Document Revision**  --  Jill Weatherly

* Probably needs to be revised
* Have a team to put together in April
* Hopefully be complete in July or August

         **Beginning SPED Teacher Conference:  June 11** – Alice Senseney (attachment)

* Planning for June 11th conference for new special education teachers
* Someone in the first 3 years
* Will welcome general education teachers as well
* Will distribute at the NASES meeting in April
* E-mentoring for success
* Gallery of resources
* Probably need to get people registered before the end of the year
* Have stipends available

         **EDN Updates**  --  Carol McClain

  Public Reporting on EDN Website   -- [http://edn.ne.gov/spp/index.html](https://exchange.sbps.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=5c8f30fbd1fe4885bbd5721fa51a4a82&URL=http%3a%2f%2fedn.ne.gov%2fspp%2findex.html" \t "_blank)

* Now displayed on EDN website
* Official place to put all Part C information
* Can go to the URL or NDE website

  New Family Rights video   --   [http://edn.ne.gov/parentrights.html](https://exchange.sbps.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=5c8f30fbd1fe4885bbd5721fa51a4a82&URL=http%3a%2f%2fedn.ne.gov%2fparentrights.html" \t "_blank)

* Tells parents what to expect with EDN

  Save the Dates for June events (attachments)

* EDN – June 12th & 13th in Kearney – Robin McWilliam & Federal Part C (Sharon Walsh)
* Get family surveys returned

**Calendar Ahead**

Click on the NDE Special Education homepage link for all NDE SPED conference/training registration:

[http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/index.html](https://exchange.sbps.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=5c8f30fbd1fe4885bbd5721fa51a4a82&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.education.ne.gov%2fsped%2findex.html" \t "_blank)

         Apr 2-3          NDE State Data Conference, Younes Conf Center, Kearney

         Apr 12-13      State ASD Conference, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln

         Apr 12-13      GOLD teacher trainings at ESU 3, Omaha

         Apr 18            SEAC meeting, Cornhusker Hotel , Lincoln

         Apr 11-14      2012 CEC Convention, Denver CO  [www.cec.sped.org/convention](https://exchange.sbps.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=5c8f30fbd1fe4885bbd5721fa51a4a82&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cec.sped.org%2fconvention" \t "_blank)

         Apr 19-20      GOLD admin (Apr 19) and GOLD teacher training (Apr 20)  ESU 10, Kearney

         Apr 20 AM    NDE meeting at NASES, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln

         May 11           ECICC, Midtown Holiday Inn, Grand Island

         May 14-16     2012 National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute, Chapel Hill NC

[http://inclusioninstitute.fpg.unc.edu/](https://exchange.sbps.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=5c8f30fbd1fe4885bbd5721fa51a4a82&URL=http%3a%2f%2finclusioninstitute.fpg.unc.edu%2f" \t "_blank)

         June 11          Beginning SPED Teacher Conference,  Downtown Holiday Inn, Lincoln

         June 12-13    Annual EDN Workshop,  Holiday Inn, Kearney

         June 20-21    DC: 0-3R training, Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln

         July 9-13        Secondary Transition Summer Institute, UNL Barkley

         July 16-20      Summer Institute specific to Deaf-Blindness:  Literacy Focus

         July 25-27      NDE/NCSA Administrator Days, Younes Conf Center, Kearney

         Aug 9-10        GOLD training – Norfolk Life Long Learning Center

         Aug 30           One-day NDE Monitoring training, Lincoln

         Oct 2              NDE SPED Regional Workshop, Harms Center, Scottsbluff

         Oct 4              NDE SPED Regional Workshop, Younes Center, Kearney

         Oct 5              NDE SPED Regional Workshop,  Embassy Suites Old Market, Omaha

         Oct 28-30      DEC National Conf on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Minneapolis MN

         Nov 8-9          Tri-State SPED Law Conference,  Omaha

**NEXT CALL!  MONDAY, APRIL 30**

cc         ILCD Facilitators, SPED Contractors, NDE SPED Team